

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 2-3, 5-7, 9-10, 12-13, 15-17, and 19-20 are currently amended. Claims 1 and 11 are currently canceled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13, and 15-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicants' admitted prior art. Claims 2, 4, 12, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim base, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's previous rejections. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application Applicants have amended claims 2 and 12 to include all of the limitations of base claims 1 and 11, respectively. Claims 3, 5-7, and 9-10 are currently amended to depend from newly independent claim 2. Claims 13, 15-17, and 19-20 are currently amended to depend from newly independent claim 12. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 12 and associated dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in an allowable form, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

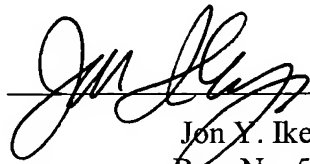
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 and reference Attorney Docket No. 351991-991270.

Respectfully submitted,

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